THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Annual Plan for 2006-07 submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for implementation of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) programme was approved for Rs. 7427.10 lakh by the Executive Committee of NHM on 28.06.2006.

Ensuring a minimum income for farmers

†1057. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to ensure a minimum income for the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons the hesitation in taking steps by Government according to the suggestions made by the National Commission on farmers regarding upliftment of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The enhancement of income, alongwith production and productivity, of farmers in a constant endeavour of the Government. Apart from implementing several schemes such as Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), Macro-Management, Micro-Irrigation, etc., for enhancing productivity of major crops with a view to improving the income levels, remunerative prices to the growers for their produce are also ensrued through Minimum Support Prices (MSPs). The SMPs are fixed, on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for foodgrains, oilseeds, jute, copra, tobacco. Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) is fixed for sugarcane.

The recommendations made by the National Commission on Farmers are under active consideration of the Government.

National Livestock Policy

†1058. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.